To the Members of the California State Senate:

Senate Bill 438 authorizes oral and maxillofacial surgeons (OMS), to perform elective facial cosmetic surgical procedures, as defined, under specified circumstances.

In 2004, I returned Senate Bill 1336 (Burton) without my signature in the interest of ensuring consumers that OMS were able to safely perform certain types of elective cosmetic surgery. I have received an occupational analysis of the OMS profession from my Department of Consumer Affairs which concludes the permitted standards and credentialing process proposed in Senate Bill 438 will enable OMS to practice safely and competently.

For these reasons, I have signed SB 438.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger